

**Youth Standing Committee  
Region 1**

**Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA)  
“Workforce Partners – Helping Iowa Work”**

**Friday, October 20, 2017  
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM  
Conference call only**

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome/Introductions –Fern/Ron
2. Roll Call/Call for Quorum

Present:

Gisella Aitken-Shadle, Ron Axtell, Jeff Beneke, Brooke Gassman, Wendy Greenman, Keri Pasker, Sandy Reeg, Fern Rissman, Hannah Steiber

Absent:

Courtney Adam, David Boss, Jean Bossom, Amy Chicos, Amy Clemen, Lisa Curtin, Steven Faulkner, Ashley Goltz, Jeanne Helling, Wendy Mihm Herold, Caprice Jones, Don Keck, Marla Loecke, Kathy McCarthy, Mindy Meyers, Jamie Phipps, Temwa Phiri, Gina Robinson, Carrie Snell, Mike Smith, Patrick Taggart

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

3. Consider Approval of Agenda – Fern/Ron  
Quorum not reached
4. Sharing High School Integration Form
  - Created to outline the services available in our counties and schools, including agency contacts. Updated each August.
  - Noted the challenge ahead with the Youth Connect Career Grant ending 9/30/18.
    - Priority with Title I funds is for out-of-school youth (primarily 18-24).
    - Grant will not be extended.
  - Noted that the Career Learning Link lists various programs available, regardless of the organization planning (e.g. Family STEM Festival)
  - Brooke Gassman (Keystone AEA) works with HS seniors; she was advised that this form can be shared with that population. IVRS can assist as well with sharing this information.
    - Noted that the actual window for Title I services is after graduation but before registration with a post-secondary school.
5. What Brings You to the Table?
  - a. Youth Interagency - Round Table Sharing...what events or services?
  - b. How can we work together? How do we connect the dots?
  - c. Region 1 Resource Mapping – how can we make the youth aware of available services

Jeff Beneke, Northeast Iowa STEM Regional Manager

- Office is at UNI
- Agency funds:
  - Four STEM festivals/year, preK-12 programming
  - Teacher externships; they go into a business for 6 weeks and then put what they have learned into their curricula
  - STEM teacher awards
  - STEM BEST awards – bringing real-world experiences to students (e.g. business projects); currently funding 7 schools: Turkey Valley, New Hampton, Riceville, Oelwein, Cedar Falls, North Cedar, Cedar Valley

Keri, IVRS

- Assists HS students (who have IEPs or 504 plans) with career exploration – employment or college

Gisella Aitken-Shadle, Adult Education and Literacy Director

- Title II partner
- Assists 16-year-olds (HS dropouts) get diploma
- Semester sessions
- Usually one-year programming

Hannah Steiber: Keystone AEA CTE Consultant; Career Coach for Allamakee, Eastern Allamakee; Eastern Allamakee Family and Consumer Science teacher

Discussion regarding role of the Youth Standing Committee

- Area agencies to collaborate in providing transition services for our youth
- Watch for upcoming grant opportunities (e.g. similar to the Youth Connect Career Grant): think outside the box!
- Provide labor market info, for example, to assist youth in determining post-secondary plans
- Recommend to the RWEB Board policies to benefit all youth
- Look at the bigger picture: resource mapping: what are the gaps of service for our youth?
- Create awareness
- Develop broader form to include all service providers in the area – including “what’s next” after HS

Next steps:

- 2017-18 meeting schedule
- Quarterly meetings
- Prefer Friday mornings, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

**Next meeting to be face-to-face, but with conference call option (because of eight-county area)**

Friday, January 19, 2018

10:00 a.m.

Keystone AEA, Room D3

(Google calendar invite to come)

Agenda:

- Begin work on a directory, by county, of youth services (e.g. scope of services, goals, flexibility, providers, capacity, and geographic match).
    - Resource mapping will identify gaps in service
    - Google format
    - To be reviewed every fall
    - Consensus to do this
  - Brooke noted that general fact sheets would also be helpful – e.g. when to apply for services, the target population (age range for service).
  - What about other directories that have already been completed? Brooke plans to talk to Erin Monaghan, BDF Empowerment Coordinator (Buchanan, Delaware, Fayette counties); will report back to the Committee.
6. Review of Current Membership and Expansion - Fern/Ron – anybody providing a youth service is welcome to join this committee. Do not want to duplicate services.

Today's attendees are asked to review their listed information and to recommend other possible partners.